

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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September 9, 2003

**FROM: CATHY CIMBALO, Director**  
**Department of Children's Services**

**SUBJECT: CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS TO PROVIDE THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve contracts with the following 14 vendors to provide Therapeutic Treatment Services on a fee-for-service basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 for the period of September 15, 2003 through September 14, 2004.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>
Christine K. Campbell, Ph.D.	\$75,000	
Christine Clary, LMFT	\$75,000	
First Nations Tribal Family Center, Inc.	\$75,000	
Pamela Haas, LMFT	\$75,000	
Lynn M. Hayes, LMFT	\$75,000	
Karen Malone Jacobs, LMFT	\$75,000	
Richard J. Jordan, MFT	\$75,000	
Kevin E. Lee, MFT	\$75,000	
Morongo Basin Mental Health Services Assoc., Inc.	\$75,000	
Kerry Maldiner, MFT	\$75,000	
Olive Branch Counseling Centers, Inc.	\$75,000	
Brent Taylor, MFT	\$75,000	
Maria Valentin de Domena, LCSW	\$75,000	
White Dove Counseling Center	\$75,000	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Each year the Department of Children's Services (DCS) investigates allegations of abuse and neglect of more than 50,000 children within the County. Approximately 5% of these children become dependents of the Juvenile Court, while another 5% receive services from DCS designed to prevent abuse or neglect and avoid out-of-home placement. In addition to services provided directly by DCS staff, many of these clients are referred to community resources for professional services. One of the beneficial services provided to these children is therapeutic treatment. Therapeutic Treatment Services include but are not limited to counseling for the child, parent and/or family and psychological evaluations for court ordered assessments and/or treatment.

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Therapeutic treatment services, along with the services provided by DCS staff, are a part of every child and family's individual reunification case plan(s). Whenever possible, these professional services are paid for by the client and/or available insurance. However, when neither personal nor insurance funds are available, these services are paid for by DCS through the Child Welfare Services allocation from the State of California.

On March 20, 2001, the BOS approved and authorized the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (RFQ HSS 01-02) to allow DCS to solicit Therapeutic Treatment Services from qualified providers in order to establish a qualified vendor list to be used by DCS staff when referring clients for these services. The respondents to the RFQ were evaluated primarily on the effectiveness of the agency or organization in the delivery of comparable or related services based on demonstrated performance. Additional evaluation factors included past experience providing specified services and the ability to provide quality services as outlined in the RFQ. Applications were also reviewed for cost reasonableness. The potential vendors listed herein were determined as qualified providers through this qualification process. Additional qualified vendors will be identified and added to these lists on a quarterly basis with any new contract(s) being presented to the BOS for approval.

As a result of this RFQ, the Board of Supervisors approved various contracts to provide therapeutic treatment services. The RFQ has no expiration date and new contracts with vendors on the qualified vendor list are developed each year. There are no plans to develop a new RFQ at the present time.

Therapeutic Treatment Services are provided to approximately 5,000 children per year. It should be noted that while the individual contracts were written not to exceed \$75,000 each, DCS does not anticipate spending more than \$525,000 annually for the overall services. These contracts are written in this manner to establish a Board of Supervisors approved list of qualified vendors to allow social workers the flexibility of selecting the vendor that best meets their client's needs. There is no minimum amount required to be spent on any of these contracts.

Approval of this item will allow these vendors to be placed on the approved list of qualified vendors and provide the County with additional resources to meet Therapeutic Treatment Services needs of DCS clients.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** These contracts have been reviewed by County Counsel on July 29, 2003 (Ruth Stringer, Deputy County Counsel) and the HSS Contract Administration on July 29, 2003 (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor). This item has been reviewed by HSS Finance on August 27, 2003 (Kristin Letterman, Administrative Manager) and the County Administrative Office on August 27, 2003 (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The overall cost for the Therapeutic Treatment Services is anticipated to be \$525,000 and is 85% federal and state funded (\$446,250) and 15% local share funded (\$78,750). The local share is funded approximately 52% (\$40,950) with Realignment funds and 48% local cost (\$37,800). Adequate appropriations and revenues are included in the Human Services System Administrative FY 03/04 Budget and will be included in the FY 04/05 Budget.

**Cost Reduction Review:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action based on the fact that Therapeutic Treatment Services are critical for the health, welfare and safety of these abused and neglected children.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Cathy Cimbalo, Director, Department of Children's Services, (909) 388-0242